

Palm Sunday - April 13, 2025

Holy Week Schedule

Holy Thursday, April 17

8:15 am Tenebræ

7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper 8:00 pm Altar of Repose (Gym)

Good Friday, April 18

8:15 am Tenebræ 12:00 pm Tre Ore Service

7:00 pm Celebration of the Passion

of the Lord

Holy Saturday, April 19

8:15 am Tenebræ

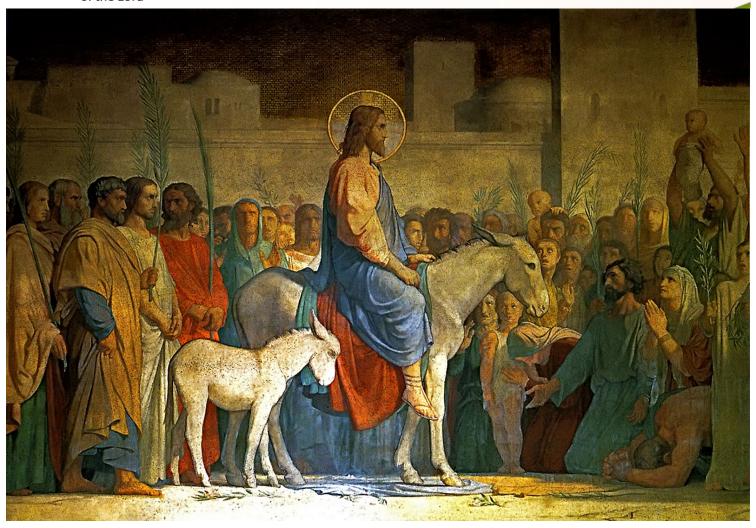
10:00 am Blessing of the Easter

Food (Rose Garden)

8:15 pm Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday, April 20

8:00 am Indoor Mass 10:00 am Indoor Mass 10:00 am Outdoor Mass



This Week

SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 2025

8:15 am Mass followed by Adoration and

Confession until 9:15 am

3:30 pm Confession

5:00 pm Mass

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2025

8:00 am Mass 10:00 am Mass 5:00 pm Mass

6:00 pm Salt & Light (7th-12th Grade) (p.3)

Monday-Wednesday

8:15 am Mass

Monday, April 14, 2025

6:00 pm Legion of Mary (Back of Church) 6:30 pm Rescue Project (Parish Hall)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 2025

10:00 am Bible Study

7:00 pm Catholic in Recovery (p.10)

7:00 pm Holy Hour (Confession & Adoration)

SEE COVER FOR HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



Mass Intentions

Sat., Apr. 12, 5:00 pm Ed Kennedy & Sharon Kennedy Gerlach ††

Palm Sunday

Sun., Apr. 13, 8:00 am Fr. Augustine Hilander, O.P. 45
10:00 am Ethel & Isador Scherba ††

5:00 pm St. Raymond Parish

Mon., Apr. 14, 8:15 am Fr. Augustine Hilander, O.P. 🕮

Tue., Apr. 15, 8:15 am Jeff Herle 🛎

Wed., Apr. 16, 8:15 am Special Intention †

Thu., Apr. 17, 7:00 pm Vocations for Archdiocese & Dominicans

Holy Thursday of the Lord's Supper

Fri., Apr. 18, 7:00 pm

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Sat., Apr. 19, 8:15 pm St. Raymond Parish

Easter Vigil

Sun., Apr. 20, 8:00 am Papa & Ruocco Families, L&D

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

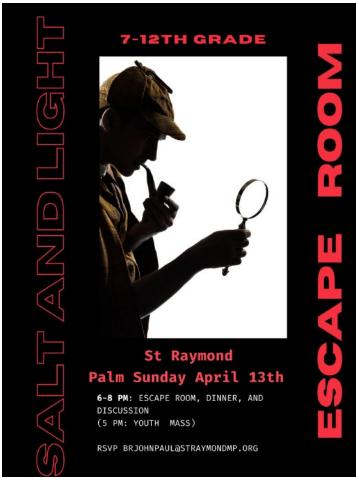
10:00 am Church Connie Auyeung † 10:00 am Lawn St. Raymond Parish

S - Solemnity; F- Feast; M - Obligatory Memorial; m - Optional Memorial; L&D - Living & Deceased

PRAYERS As a parish community we pray for the sick among us, including: Jackie, Nony & Penny Bantug, Anda-Louise Bozda, John Caletti, Modesta Cintron, William Cintron, Alessandra Colorado, Beverly Crawford, Andrea Edwards, Grace Cunningham, Ella DeLaMare, Maureen DeMoss, Esther Falsario, Anthony Galdes, Estela Gallegos, Anna Greco, Janice Hagy, David Huntzinger, Fr. Reginald Martin, O.P., Bonnie Morey, Red Morrow, Anjuli Nunn, Glenn Olsen, Leo Paule, Nora Semaan, Mary Shepherd, Joli Stieber, Connie Sutton, Karel Sykora, Connie Williams, the homebound, those in our local hospitals and skilled nursing facilities, and those who wish not to be named.

To add a name, please contact the Parish Office.

Don't forget to turn in your rice bowls!



Tenebrae

Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday, 8:15 am (Church)

What is Tenebrae? The word in Latin literally means "darkness". The service is normally prayed in the dark, usually in the very early morning because it comprises the first two hours of the Divine Office (also called the Liturgy of the Hours): Matins and Lauds (Office of Readings and Morning Prayer) for the Triduum.

We will be chanting the Lamentations of Jeremiah

according to the Dominican tones. Our very own parishioner, George Otte, has constructed a special candle holder called a "hearse" which is customarily used to pray Tenebrae.



Blessing of the Easter Food

Holy Saturday, April 19, 10 am Rose Garden

You are invited to the 7th annual traditional Polish blessing of the Easter Baskets.

Święconka (sh-vee-en-soon-kah) is one of the most enduring and beloved Polish traditions. Baskets containing a sampling of Easter foods are brought to church to be blessed on Holy Saturday. The basket is traditionally lined with a white linen or lace napkin and decorated with sprigs of boxwood (bukszpan), the typical Easter evergreen. Poles take special pride in preparing a decorative and tasteful basket with crisp linens, occasionally embroidered for the occasion, and just enough boxwood and ribbon woven through the handle. Observing the beautiful foods and creations of other parishioners is one of the special joys of the event.





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The Novices Visit

This past weekend, the next generation of Dominicans visited our parish. They shared their vocation stories at Mass and met with parishioners.

Novices are in their first year of formation. Please keep them in your prayers.

This is the first recruiting class of Fr. John Winkowitsch, O.P., who became the Vocations Director for the Western Dominican Providence in 2023.

AND THE DISCIPLES FOLLOWED HIM

Will you follow Christ, even to His death? Br. Xavier Marie Wu, O.P., reflects on the Gospel for Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion.

Since classical antiquity, the palm branch has always been a symbol of victory. In ancient Rome, the goddess Victoria—the deified personification of victory—is often depicted as a winged woman holding aloft a palmbranch.

In ancient Greece, the winner of the Olympics is awarded with palm branch as a sign of victory. So it is that the pilgrims greeted Christ with palm branches in their hands as He processed into Jerusalem.

"Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!" They shouted thinking that He was the Messiah, a mighty conqueror who was to bring victory to His people and be enthroned as the King of Israel.

But where is His victory, and where is His throne?

As we read in the Gospel, the victory of Christ was not a military conquest, nor an Olympic feat, but a triumph over sin and death. His throne was the cross. Christ's triumphal procession was his ascension onto the cross, where He was enthroned, where He claimed his kingship, where He was invested with the power and the glory of God.

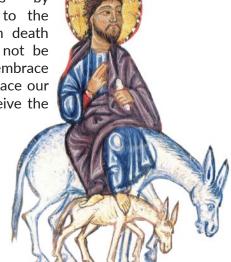
This procession, which took place over 2000 years ago, which we participate in today through the liturgy, is a foreshadowing of what is to come—Christ's final victory.

In a way, Christ's conquest only began there at the cross. He was the champion; He has been crowned, but it is YOU and I who are fighting in the arena Today. At this very moment, He is conquering sin and death and the prince of this world in YOU and in me.

Just as in the liturgy we follow him on the way, so we are to follow in His footsteps unto Eternal Life. In other words, we are not mere spectators, we're actors of this Divine Mystery.

So, unless we put on Christ, humbled ourselves by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross, we will not be victorious. But if we embrace our tribulations and face our enemies, we will receive the palm of victory.

Br. Xavier Marie Wu, O.P earned a B.S. in Bioengineering from University of California at Berkeley in 2019.



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The Dominican Friars of the Province of the Most Holy Name of Jesus

joyfully announce the Solemn Profession of their Brothers

> Michael Thomas Cain, O.P. Xavier Marie Wu, O.P. Kevin Peter Cantu, O.P. John Paul Puschautz

into the hands of The Very Reverend Christopher Fadok, O.P. Prior Provincial

Saturday, May 3, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. St. Dominic Church 475 East I Street — Benicia, California

RSVP by April 21 at opwest.org/solemnvows



Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary will now meet every Monday at 7:00 pm in the back of the church (6:00 pm when the Rescue Project is in session). Feel free to join us and learn more about the Legion of Mary.

EMOTIONAL & MENTAL WELLNESS MINISTRY

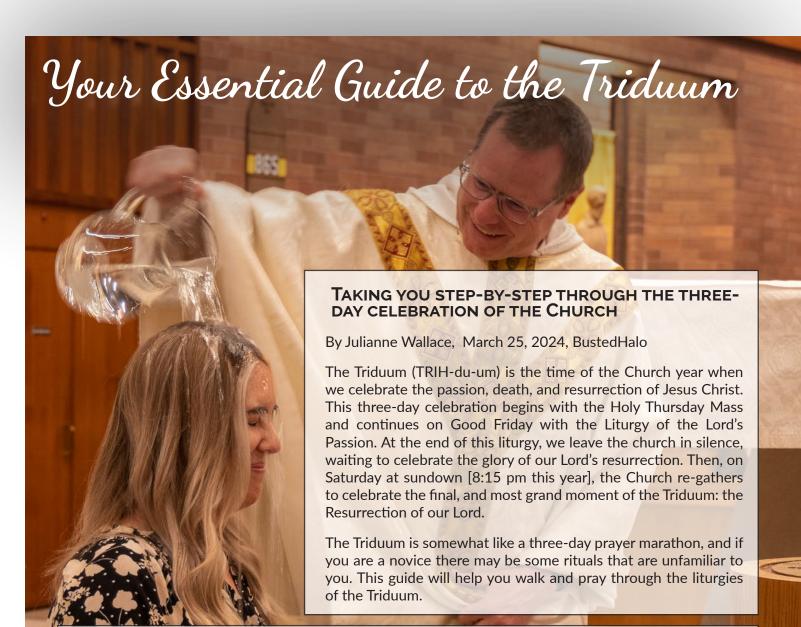
If you or a loved one is experiencing mental or emotional wellness challenges, please contact our St. Raymond Emotional & Mental Health ministry at (650) 899-0370. This is a dedicated line and only coleads of the ministry team will hear your message. You may also email the ministry team at emwm@emwm@emwm@emwm@emwmm.org.



THE BROTHER REPORT

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Holy Thursday

(Thursday, 7 pm)

The Mass on Holy Thursday is commonly known as the Feast of the Lord's Supper. This Mass is a time for Catholics to remember the Last Supper where Jesus and his apostles gathered to celebrate Passover. In the Holy Thursday celebration, two ritual actions stand out among the rest:



THE WASHING OF THE FEET

At the Last Supper, Jesus took a basin and a towel, got down on his hands and knees and washed the feet of all of his apostles. After this action, he commanded the apostles, "I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have done for you, you should also do" (John 13:15). This is Jesus' commandment: Just as Jesus has been a servant to his apostles, so the apostles must go out into the world and be servants to everyone around them.

We are called to do the same in our daily lives. Well, we are not called literally to wash each other's feet (though sometimes that may be the case). The action of washing one another's feet reminds us of the call to humble servitude. Foot washing is not a re-enactment or recreation of a past event, but rather, it is a commemorative action that reminds us that God calls us first

and foremost to be servants to others in our daily lives.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION

At the very first Last Supper, Jesus also instituted the Eucharist for the Church. At this Holy Thursday celebration, we are reminded of who we are in Jesus Christ and that, through the sacrament of the Eucharist, we are and we become even more the Body of Christ together.



At the conclusion of the Holy Thursday celebration, there is no concluding prayer. Once the celebration of the Eucharist is completed, there is a Eucharistic Procession (where the Eucharist that is left from Communion is processed to a Chapel of Reservation). This procession to the Chapel of Reservation reminds us of Jesus' time in the garden of Gethsemane when he prayed so fervently through the night. The entire community is invited to join in this procession and then join in the silent prayer and adoration until night prayer is prayed and the Eucharist is put in the Tabernacle. The gathered community leaves in silence only to return in prayer the next day for the Good Friday celebration.



Good Friday: Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

(Friday, 7 pm)

In this solemn celebration, we remember the Passion and Death of Our Lord. The service is marked by several important rituals including the proclaiming of the Passion according to John, the Veneration of the Cross, an extended form of General Intercessions, and finally, the distribution of Communion (reserved from the Holy Thursday celebration of the Eucharist).

THE VENERATION OF THE CROSS



It seems strange that in the Good Friday liturgy Catholics choose to venerate, or show reverence to, the very instrument that was used to crucify Jesus. The Veneration of the Cross reminds us that through this Cross, the Glory of the resurrection emerges. So, on Good Friday, we come forward to show our great reverence and respect for the Cross. People have various traditions when they approach the Cross. Sometimes they kiss the Cross, kneel before the Cross, or even just touch it in some fashion. As you participate in this ritual, venerate the Cross in whatever way feels most normal. And most of all, just take in the experience of the gathered community coming so close to such a tragic, but integral, event in our faith.

THE GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

If you enjoy spiritual aerobics, then this ritual is for you! In this expanded form of General Intercessions, the presider and the deacon work together to pray 10 intercessions. These intercessions are the same intercessions the entire Church prays on Good Friday, and they include praying for the Holy Church, praying for the unity of all Christians, praying for the Jewish people, praying for people who do not believe in Christ

or in God, praying for people in public office, and praying for people who are suffering or facing difficult times. These prayers recognize how universal our Church is and that we should be aware of all of the faiths and traditions in the world that are different from our own.

The Easter Vigil

(Saturday, 8:15 pm)

The celebration of the Easter Vigil tells the whole story of our salvation — from creation to resurrection and beyond. Because of all the ritual moments, this service tends to be on the lengthy side (an average Easter Vigil will last at least 2-2 1/2 hours). But don't let the length of the celebration detract you from participating. The Easter Vigil includes the lighting of the Easter Fire and Paschal Candle (the large candle that we will use throughout the year), the singing of the Exsultet (the Easter Proclamation), the expanded Liturgy of the Word that traces time through Salvation History (the story of our Salvation), the Liturgy of Initiation (where new people come into the Church), and the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. All these rituals come together for one purpose: to remember and recall the saving deeds of our God on our behalf. Here's an explanation of two moments from the celebration.

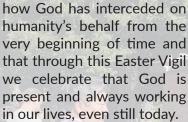
THE SINGING OF THE EXSULTET

The Exsultet, or the Easter Proclamation, is a hymn that is sung by a deacon, priest, or cantor. This hymn speaks of how God has interceded in our lives on our behalf. The Exsultet especially recalls the Holy Night when Jesus Christ rose from the dead. What makes this moment particularly dramatic is that the Exsultet is sung in a church lit only with the light of the Paschal Candle and other smaller candles, which people are holding. In order to pray this hymn along with the deacon, priest, or cantor, try reflecting on the words of the hymn throughout Holy Saturday.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Liturgy of the Word for the Easter Vigil is comprised of nine readings and seven responsorial psalms. The first reading begins with the story of Creation and then, each subsequent reading recounts the story of our faith lives through history. You'll hear the story of Issac and Abraham, the story of Moses and the Exodus, and more. All of these readings lead up to the singing of the Gloria when all the lights come on in the church, and then the final reading, the Resurrection of Christ, is proclaimed. Why so many readings? Again, like the singing of the Exsultet, the readings recount the many ways in which God has interceded on our behalf throughout history.

Most churches do not do the entire set of nine readings [but we do]. But keep in mind that the point is to recall

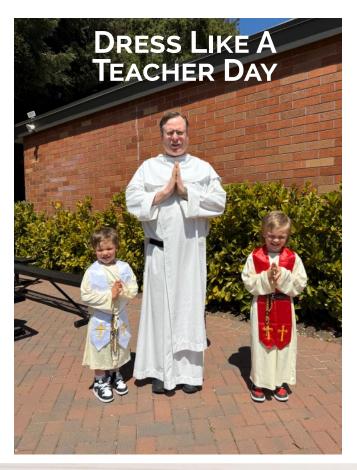


Easter Sunday

(Sunday, 8 am Church, 10 am Church, 10 am Lawn)

Throughout these three days, we experience the highs and lows in our faith, ending with the ultimate high — the new life of the resurrection. The Easter Season begins with the Easter Vigil, and we enter a time (50 days) when endless "Alleluias" will ring out throughout all of our liturgical celebrations. May you experience the joy of new life in your own way this Easter Season. Have a happy and blessed Easter!





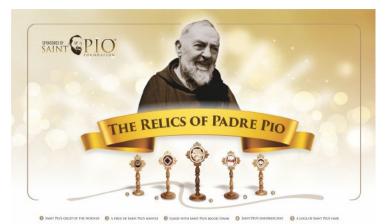


Thank you to Mary (time & talent) and Jackie (fabric) for giving new life to our collection baskets!





Feel free to pass them around at the collection.



Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church
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2-day Visit of the Relics of St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina August 15 and 16, 2025

ST. RAYMOND LITTLE LIBRARY

We have had some wonderful items in our Little Library and they have been very happily received. However, we have had very few donations. Please consider dropping off some books your children have outgrown. Others would love to read some of those treasures that you have finished with.

And be sure to drop by and see if there are things there to keep little ones entertained in Mass or to enrich your own faith.



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As we near the end the Lenten season and enter into Easter, let's briefly review some of the goals found in Laudate Deum, Pope Francis' recent invitation to greater communion and

participation with each other and the Earth:

- 1. Grow in authentic faith which not only gives strength to the human heart, but also transforms life, transfigures our goals and sheds light on our relationship to others and with creation as a whole. (#61).
- 2. Increase awareness that all of us are linked by a sacred, affectionate bond as God's children. (#67)
- 3. Accompany the pilgrimage of reconciliation with the world that is our home, and help make it more healthy and beautiful, because that commitment has to do with our care for others and our highest values. (#69)
- 4. Be committed to personal change. There are no lasting changes without cultural changes, and there are no cultural changes without personal changes. (#70)
- 5. Contribute to efforts by households to reduce pollution and waste, and to consume with prudence, creating a new culture. The mere fact that personal, family and community habits are changing is contributing to greater concern by all. (#71)
- 6. "Praise God"

PRAY: Father God, thank you for the incredible gifts You give us on this earth. Inspire us to sense and respect your presence in all creation. Guide us to care for all of it with reverence. In Jesus' name-Amen

To join the Zoom Meeting, visit: http://tinyurl.com/care-for-our-common-home.



Low-Gluten Hosts are available at each Mass. Please visit the presiding priest's Communion line to receive the low-gluten host.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK Do you know of anyone who is homebound or ill? If so, we want to hear from you. Please contact the parish office at (650) 323-1755 and help us get in touch with those who need ministry.

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If you are a visitor to St. Raymond Parish, we want you to know you are welcome here—whether you have come from another part of the country, from across the world, or another parish in the Bay Area. Say hello to any of our parishioners! For information about our parish or to register, contact us at office@straymondmp.org or register online at straymondmp.org/register.

Non-Holy Week Mass Schedule

Saturdays 5:00 pm Vigil

Sundays 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 5:00 pm

Weekdays 8:15 am (Mon-Sat)

Holy Days 8:15 am, 12:15 pm, 7:00 pm

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 8:45-9:15 am & 3:30-4:30 pm; Wednesday 7-8 pm, or by appointment

ADORATION

Saturday 8:45-9:15 am, Wednesday 7-8 pm

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VISION STATEMENT St. Raymond Catholic Church is a vibrant parish in which every parishioner is engaged in ministry and all parishioners prayserve-socialize together to keep the fire of our faith growing.

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